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| In re Application of: |) | Art Unit: |
| Yukihisa KATO et al. |) | |
| U.S.S.N.: |) | Washington, D.C. |
| Filing Date: September 1, 1998 |) | September 1, 1998 |
| For: FRUIT VINEGAR FROM RAW... |) | Docket No.: KATO=15 |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 3", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 4", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 6", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 7", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 8", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 9", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

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